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Applicant: SKAVNAK  
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Examiner: UNKNOWN  
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Docket: 424.155USU1

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked

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Respectfully submitted,

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FORM 1449\*

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,483,459	11/20/1984	Taylor et al.			
	5,385,265	01/31/1995	Schlamp			
	6,068,142	05/30/2000	Primiano			
	6,230,930	05/15/2001	Sorensen et al.			
	6,237,784	05/29/2001	Primiano			
	6,328,180	12/11/2001	Sorensen et al.			
	6,513,677	02/04/2003	Sorensen et al.			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	WO 94/25941	11/10/1994	PCT				

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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